

## EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF-96-16

### Flying Flags at Half-Staff

WHEREAS: a terrorist attack against American servicemen abroad occurred on the evening of June 25, 1996, when a truck carrying more than two tons of explosives detonated near Khobar Towers, a military housing facility at Abdul Aziz Air Base near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia;

WHEREAS: nineteen Americans were killed by the truck bombing, including Staff Sergeant Kevin Jerome Johnson, a native of Shreveport;

WHEREAS: at least 270 Americans and 147 Saudi Arabians were wounded as a result of the truck bombing;

WHEREAS: the citizens of the State of Louisiana mourn the loss of their family, friends and fellow Americans who were serving in our country's armed forces and killed by the bombing;

WHEREAS: the citizens of the State of Louisiana are distressed that so many of their fellow Americans and Saudi Arabians must endure pain and suffering as a result of the terrorist attack on the American military installation near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; and

WHEREAS: the citizens of the State of Louisiana desire to show their respect for Staff Sergeant Kevin Jerome Johnson and his fellow Americans who were killed by the truck bombing, for the American servicemen and Saudi Arabians wounded in the terrorist attack, and for their families;

NOW THEREFORE I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, so the citizens of this state may express their respect for those killed and wounded in the June 25, 1996 truck bombing of Khobar towers, Abdul Aziz Air Base near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, do hereby order and direct that the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all public buildings and institutions of the State of Louisiana, until sunset on Sunday, July 7, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 27th day of June, 1996.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.  
Governor

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR  
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